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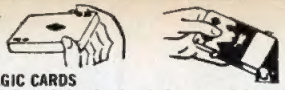

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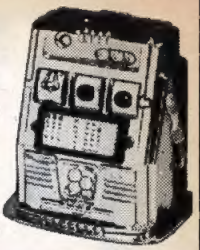

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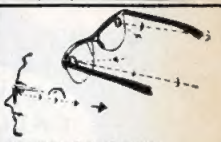

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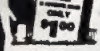

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With ROBIN THE BOY WONDER
THAT BALEFULLY BEAUTIFUL CONTAGIOUS VILLAINESS-- POISON IVY--IS BACK TO TORMENT BATMAN! IS HE UNABLE TO RESIST THE FEVER SHE HAS INFECTED HIM WITH--? WILL HE FULFILL HER ARROGANT BOAST THAT ALTHOUGH THE MASKED DETECTIVE PUT HER IN JAIL-- HE WILL ALSO DEFY THE LAW TO TAKE HER OUT OF IT? THRILL TO...
A TOUCH OF POISON IVY!
YOU'RE SAVING MY LIFE, LOVER! PROVING THAT ONCE YOU'VE CAUGHT POISON IVY--YOU'RE HOOKED FOR LIFE! DON'T FIGHT IT! WE'RE DESTINED TO BE KING AND QUEEN OF CRIME!
AARRGHH!
WHIIPPP!
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BRUCE (BATMAN) WAYNE DINES WITH LUSCIOUS BEAUTIES...
YOU LOOK AS DELICIOUS AS ANGEL CAKE, TRINA!
BUT HE IS HAUNTED BY THE INFECTIOUS FACE OF POISON IVY...
YOU MAY HAVE GIVEN ME A "SUITE" IN JAIL, BATMAN! BUT--YOU'RE THE "KEY" THAT'S GOING TO GET ME OUT, SUGAR! AND LI'L OL' POISON IVY ME IS GOING TO TURN YOU IN THE LOCK!
THE MILLIONAIRE PLAYBOY GLIDES FROM ONE DAZZLING PIN-UP TO ANOTHER...
WHAT DO WE NEED AN ORCHESTRA FOR, VICKIE? WE MAKE BEAUTIFUL MUSIC TOGETHER!
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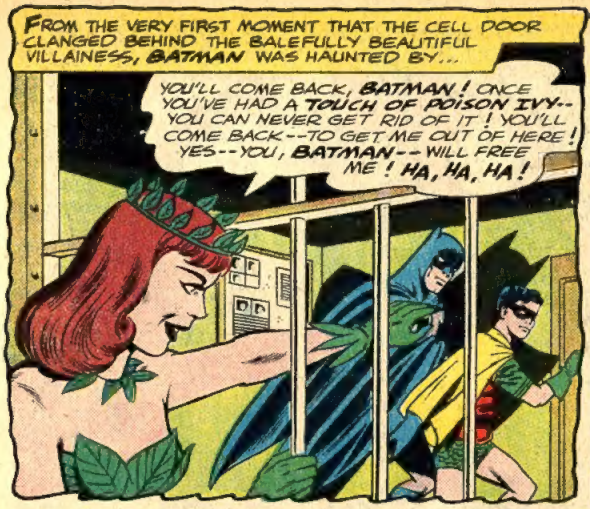
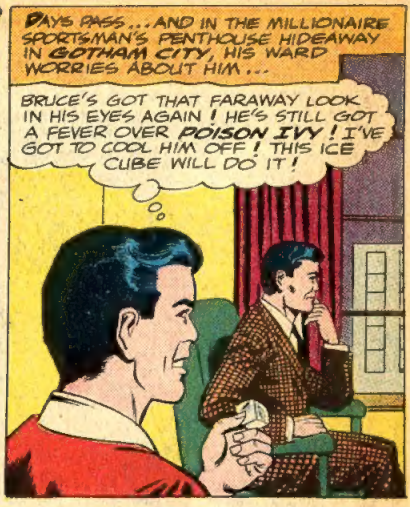
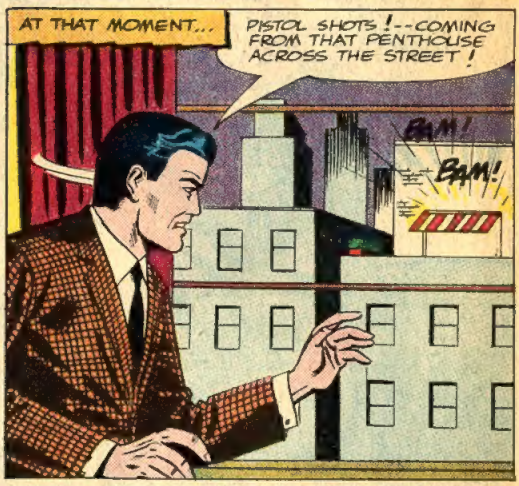
BUT HIS ARMS SEEMINGLY HOLD THE FEVERISH FIGURE OF...
WHY DO YOU THINK I HAVEN'T STOPPED LAUGHING SINCE YOU TUCKED ME INTO MY PRISON COT, BATMAN BABY? BECAUSE I KNOW THAT YOU'RE GOING TO SPRING ME OUT! HA, HA, HA!
AND NO MATTER WHOSE SOFT LIPS MEET HIS AT FIRST--IT TAKES A SINGLE HEARTBEAT TO CHANGE THEM INTO...
A KISS FROM YOU WILL BREAK ANY THERMOMETER, GILDA...
YOU'VE GOT THE NAME WRONG, BATMAN HONEY! IT'S ME, POISON IVY--WHO'S GIVING YOU A FEVER! BECAUSE YOU KNOW THAT DEEP IN YOUR HEART--YOU CAN'T HELP PLANNING HOW TO GET ME OUT OF THE VERY PRISON YOU'VE SENT ME TO--HA, HA, HA!

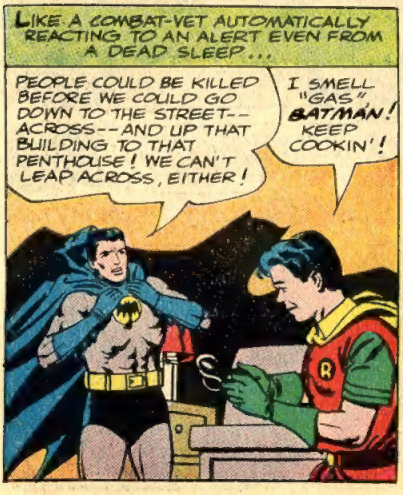
THE MILLIONAIRE SPORTSMAN RECALLS HIS LAST SMASHING ENCOUNTER WITH THE CONTAGIOUS VILLAINESS' GANG -- IN HIS SECRET IDENTITY OF BATMAN -- AIDED BY THE BUBBLING ROBIN...
BATMAN! POISON IVY IS WALKING OUT IN THE MIDDLE OF OUR "ACT"! DON'T YOU THINK YOU OUGHT TO "COAX" HER TO SEE THE "FINISH"?
POW
SOK
BIFF
JAIL'S WAITING FOR YOU, POISON IVY! AND I'VE PROMISED YOU AS AN EARLY "DELIVERY"! DON'T TRY TO STRUGGLE -- I'VE CAUGHT YOU!
THAT'S RIGHT, BATMAN! YOU'VE CAUGHT POISON IVY! AND ONCE YOU'VE CAUGHT ME -- YOU CAN NEVER GET RID OF ME!
...?
DON'T FIGHT IT, BATMAN! I'M NUMBER ONE! THE QUEEN OF CRIME! AND YOU WERE FATED TO RULE THE UNDERWORLD AT MY SIDE! THIS ONE KISS WILL PROVE IT!
BATMAN'S FLIPPING! REELING AS IF HE JUST SNIFFED LAUGHING GAS!
(SNIFF-SNIFF) NO WONDER SHE HAD YOU SPINNING, BATMAN -- SNIFF-SNIFF -- POISON IVY'S WEARING LIPSTICK WITH A CHLOROFORM BASE! WHILE SHE'S PROBABLY WEARING A NOSE-FILTER!
NO WONDER THEY CALL YOU SMARTY PANTS! BUT -- BATMAN WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN ABLE TO RESIST ME ANYWAY!

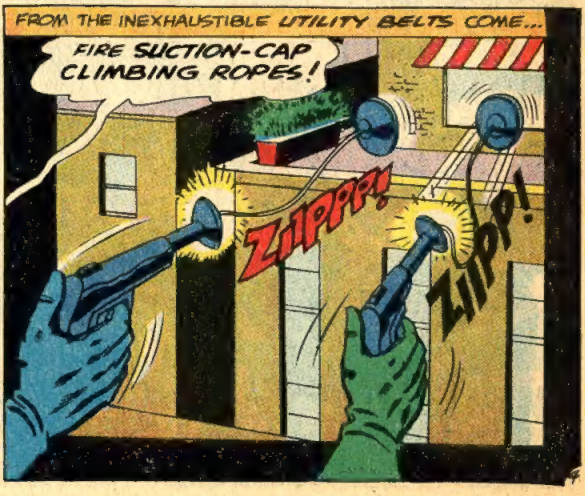

FROM THE VERY FIRST MOMENT THAT THE CELL DOOR CLANGED BEHIND THE BALEFULLY BEAUTIFUL VILLAINESS, BATMAN WAS HAUNTED BY...
YOU'LL COME BACK, BATMAN! ONCE YOU'VE HAD A TOUCH OF POISON IVY-- YOU CAN NEVER GET RID OF IT! YOU'LL COME BACK--TO GET ME OUT OF HERE! YES--YOU, BATMAN--WILL FREE ME! HA, HA, HA!


DAYS PASS...AND IN THE MILLIONAIRE SPORTSMAN'S PENTHOUSE HIDEAWAY IN GOTHAM CITY, HIS WARD WORRIES ABOUT HIM...
BRUCE'S GOT THAT FARAWAY LOOK IN HIS EYES AGAIN! HE'S STILL GOT A FEVER OVER POISON IVY! I'VE GOT TO COOL HIM OFF! THIS ICE CUBE WILL DO IT!

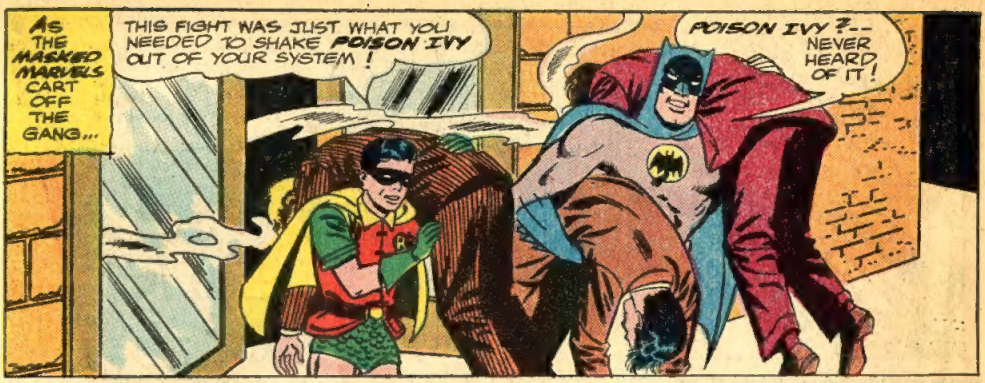
THE ICE IS MELTING--BUT BRUCE IS STILL ON FIRE! HOLY MERCURY! WHAT AM I GOING TO DO TO MAKE HIM SNAP OUT OF IT?


AT THAT MOMENT...
PISTOL SHOTS!--COMING FROM THAT PENTHOUSE ACROSS THE STREET!
BAM!
BAM!


LIKE A COMBAT-VET AUTOMATICALLY REACTING TO AN ALERT EVEN FROM A DEAD SLEEP...
PEOPLE COULD BE KILLED BEFORE WE COULD GO DOWN TO THE STREET--ACROSS--AND UP THAT BUILDING TO THAT PENTHOUSE! WE CAN'T LEAP ACROSS, EITHER!
I SMELL "GAS" BATMAN! KEEP COOKIN'!


FROM THE INEXHAUSTIBLE UTILITY BELTS COME...
FIRE SUCTION-CAP CLIMBING ROPES!
ZIIPPP!
ZIIPP!

LIKE RUBBER BULLETS, THE SUCTION CUPS IMBED THEMSELVES IN THE BRICK WALL OVER THE PENTHOUSE...
SPLATT!
VROOOSH!
AND THEN, SWINGING OVER THE CITY, LIKE WINGED SHADOWS...
THE GUN-SHOOTING IS STILL GOING ON, ROBIN! SO IS THE ACTION! BE CAREFUL WHEN WE ROCKET IN!
POW!
POW!
BAM!!
IT'S A PLEASURE TO SEE YOU BACK IN THE GROOVE AGAIN, BIG DADDY!
LIKE HUMAN CANNONBALLS, THE MASKED MANHUNTER AND BOY WONDER HURTLE IN THROUGH THE TERRACE...
LOOK WHO'S TRYIN' T' STOP US, FROM STUFFIN' SLUGS IN THESE SQUARES' KISSERS--SO THEY WON'T TESTIFY AGAINST JOE "TH' UNDERTAKER"--!
I'M SURE JOE "TH' UNDERTAKER" WILL GIVE US A BONUS IF WE BRING HIM BATMAN'S AND ROBIN'S FEATHERS!
HA, HA, HA!
CRAASH!
BAM!
AGAIN THE UNIQUE UTILITY BELTS PROVIDE...
ROBIN!--A LITTLE TEAR GAS TO WASH OUT THESE CHARACTERS' MOUTHS!
IT MAKES ME CRY JUST TO THINK OF IT!
FLIP
AS THE KILLERS FIRE BLINDLY--THE LETHAL FISTS OF THE DARING DUO EXPLODE AMIDST THE GANG...
THERE'S NOTHING LIKE A LITTLE DANGER TO MAKE YOU FORGET A DAME! RIGHT, BATMAN?
I COULDN'T FEEL RIGHTER, ROBIN!
BOOF


AS THE MASKED MARVELS CART OFF THE GANG...
THIS FIGHT WAS JUST WHAT YOU NEEDED TO SHAKE POISON IVY OUT OF YOUR SYSTEM!
POISON IVY?-- NEVER HEARD OF IT!

MEANWHILE, IN JAIL...
I--I WANT BATMAN TO HAVE THIS POCKET MIRROR I MADE FOR HIM... WITH MY OWN HANDS... IN THE MACHINE SHOP... AND... AND THIS LETTER... TELLING HIM THAT I'M GLAD HE SENT ME HERE... SO I CAN REPENT OF MY EVIL WAYS... AND PAY MY DEBT TO SOCIETY... MAYBE THEN... HE'LL THINK OF ME AS JUST THE LOVABLE GIRL NEXT DOOR!
HOW SWEET, POISON IVY! I'LL SEE THAT HE GETS IT!

BATMAN DOESN'T KNOW IT YET! BUT-- THAT LITTLE GIFT IS GOING TO SEND HIM FLYING HERE TO FREE ME!
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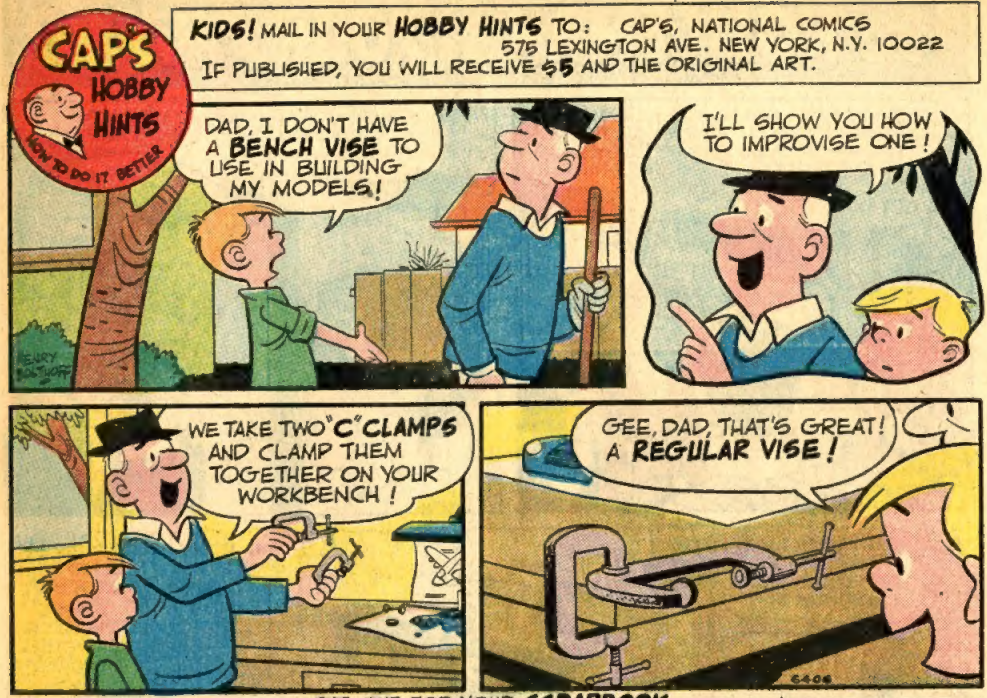
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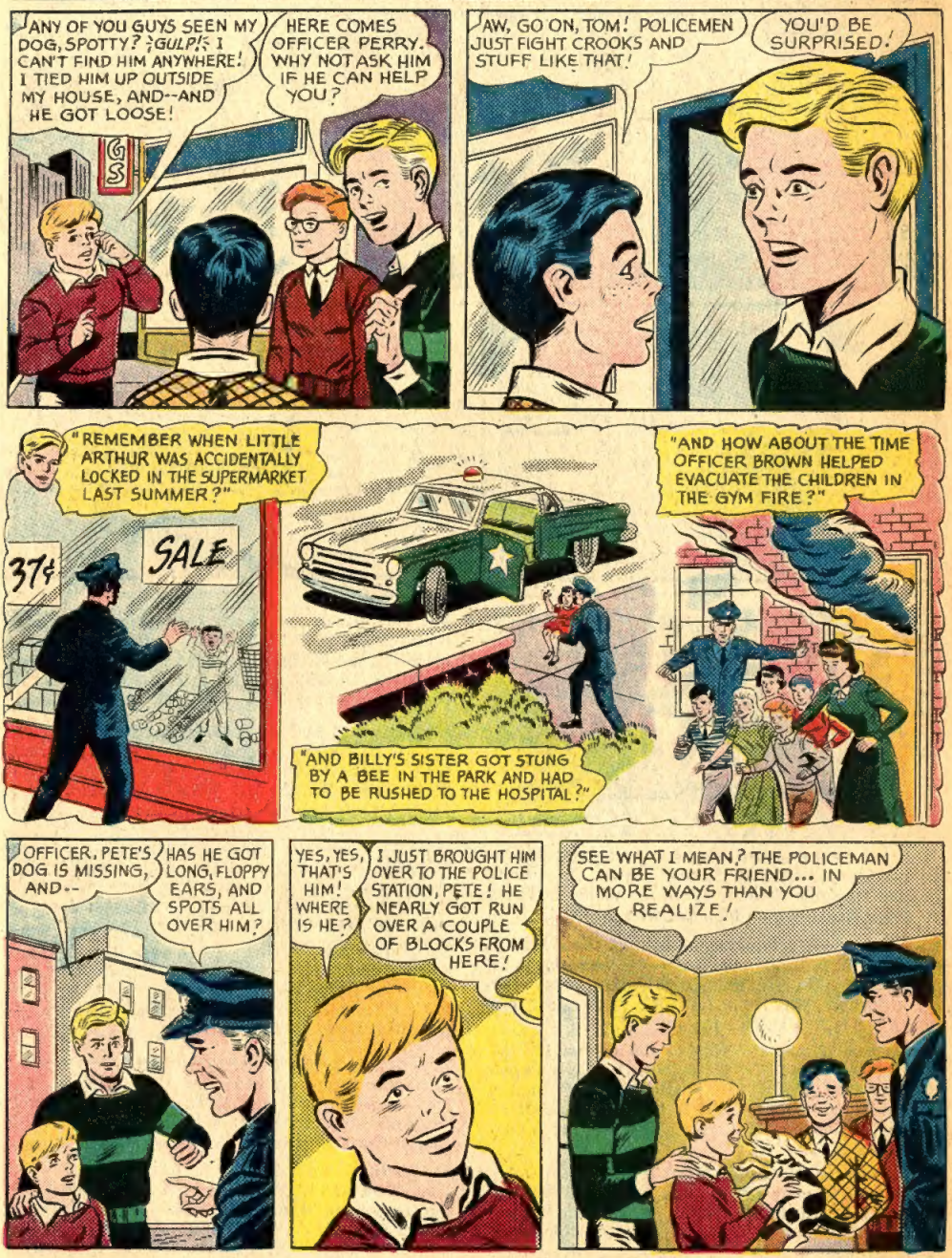
ANY OF YOU GUYS SEEN MY DOG, SPOTTY? ?GULP!? I CAN'T FIND HIM ANYWHERE! I TIED HIM UP OUTSIDE MY HOUSE, AND--AND HE GOT LOOSE!
HERE COMES OFFICER PERRY. WHY NOT ASK HIM IF HE CAN HELP YOU?
AW, GO ON, TOM! POLICEMEN JUST FIGHT CROOKS AND STUFF LIKE THAT!
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OFFICER, PETE'S DOG IS MISSING, AND--
HAS HE GOT LONG, FLOPPY EARS, AND SPOTS ALL OVER HIM?
YES, YES, THAT'S HIM! WHERE IS HE?
I JUST BROUGHT HIM OVER TO THE POLICE STATION, PETE! HE NEARLY GOT RUN OVER A COUPLE OF BLOCKS FROM HERE!
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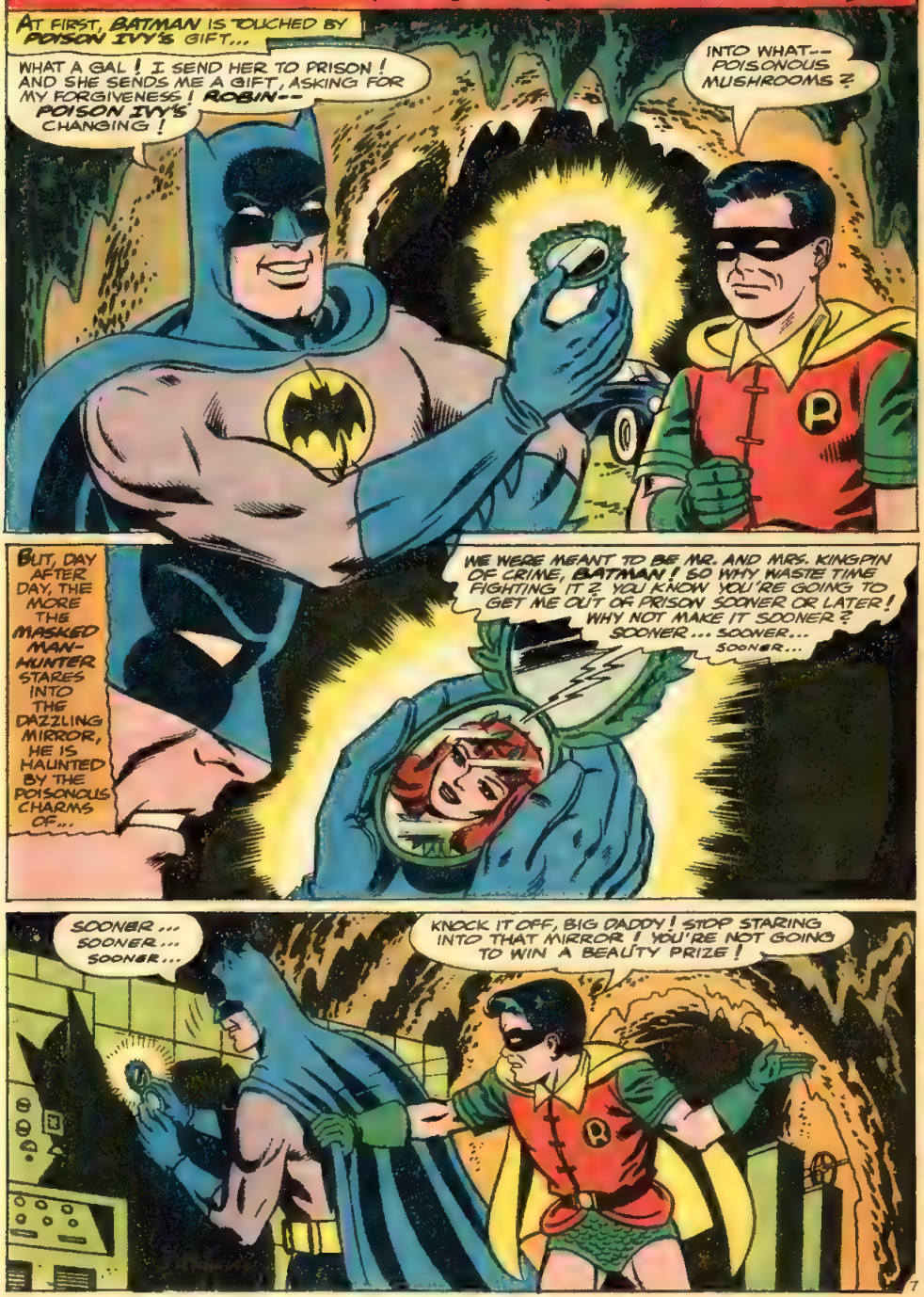
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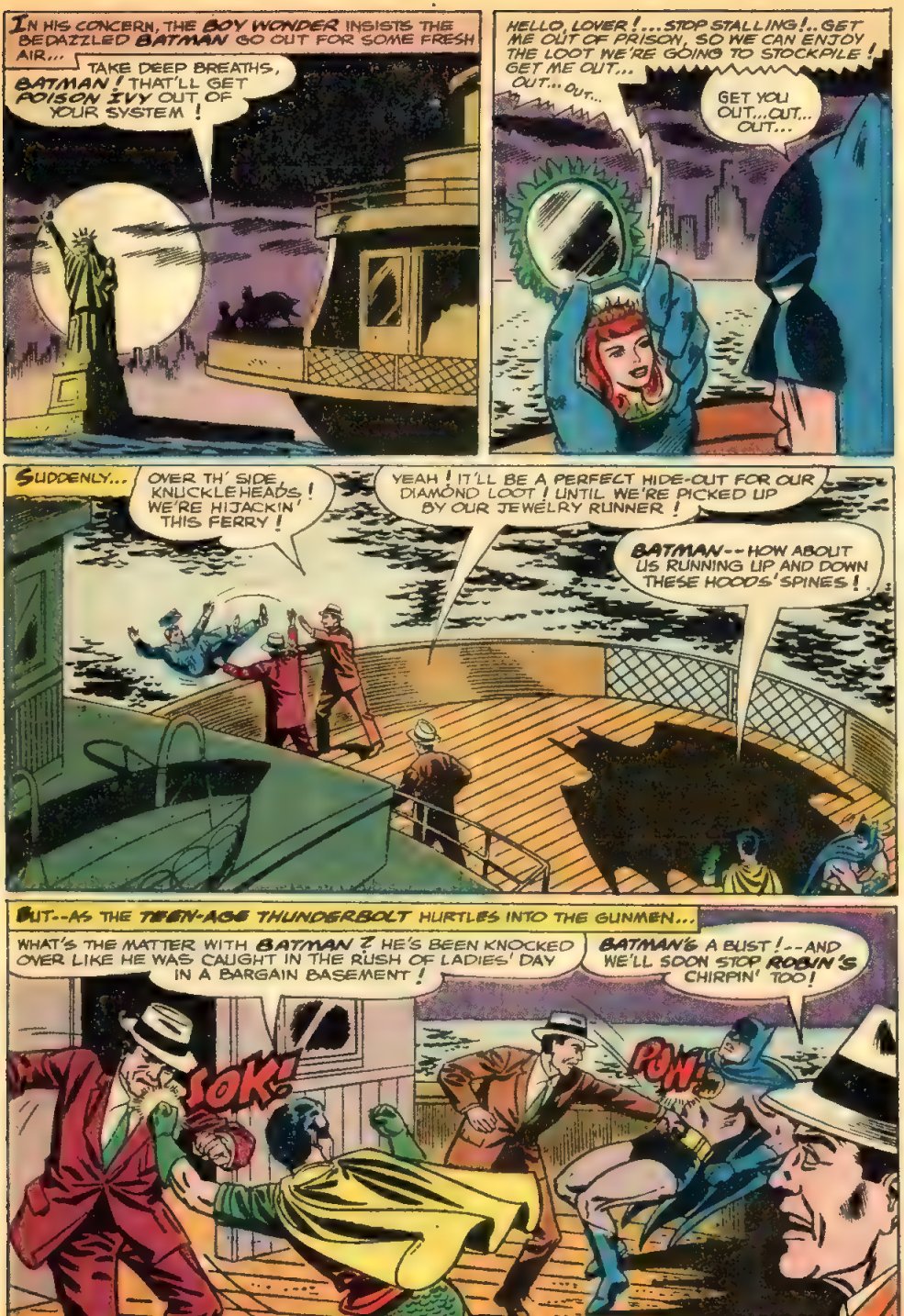
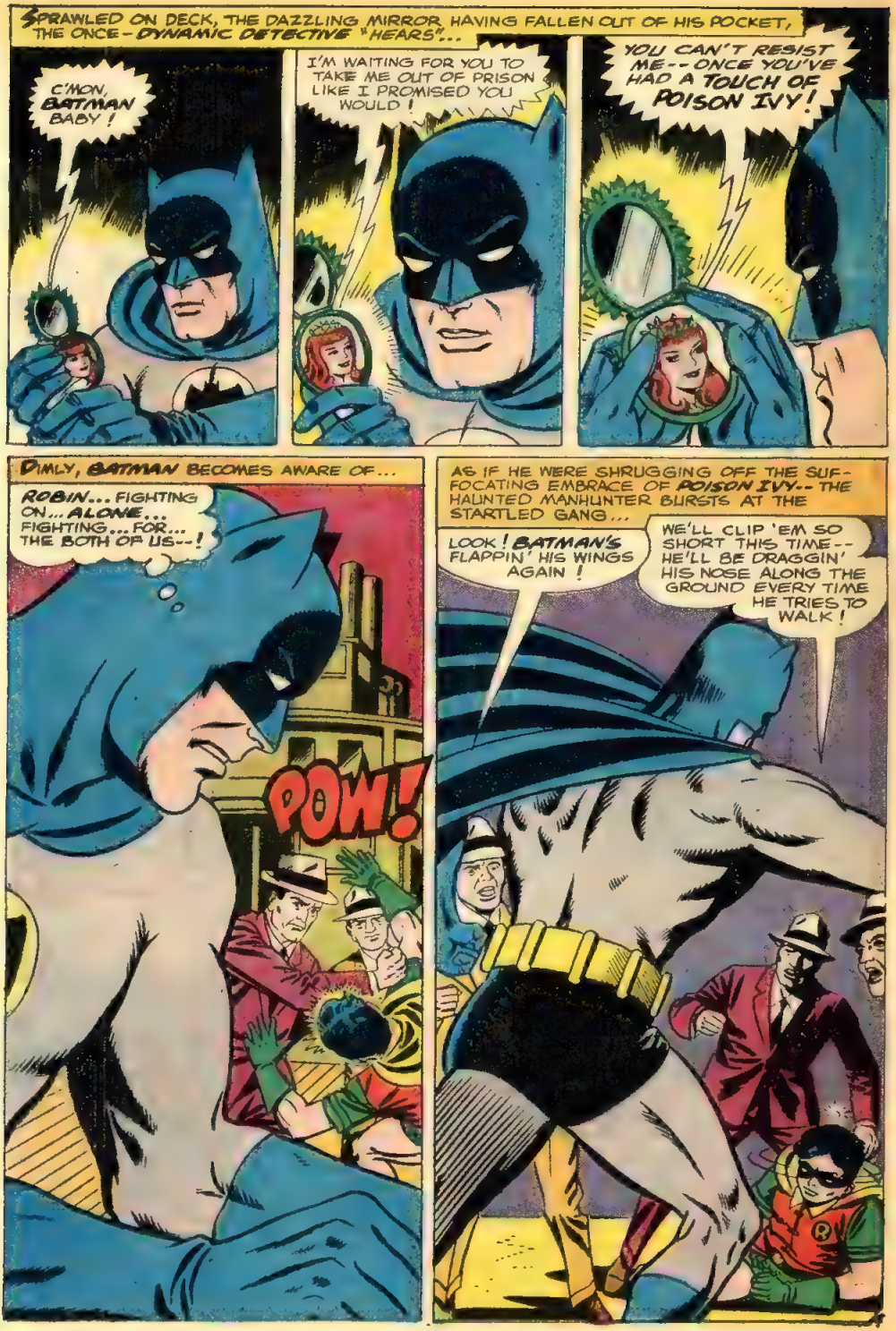
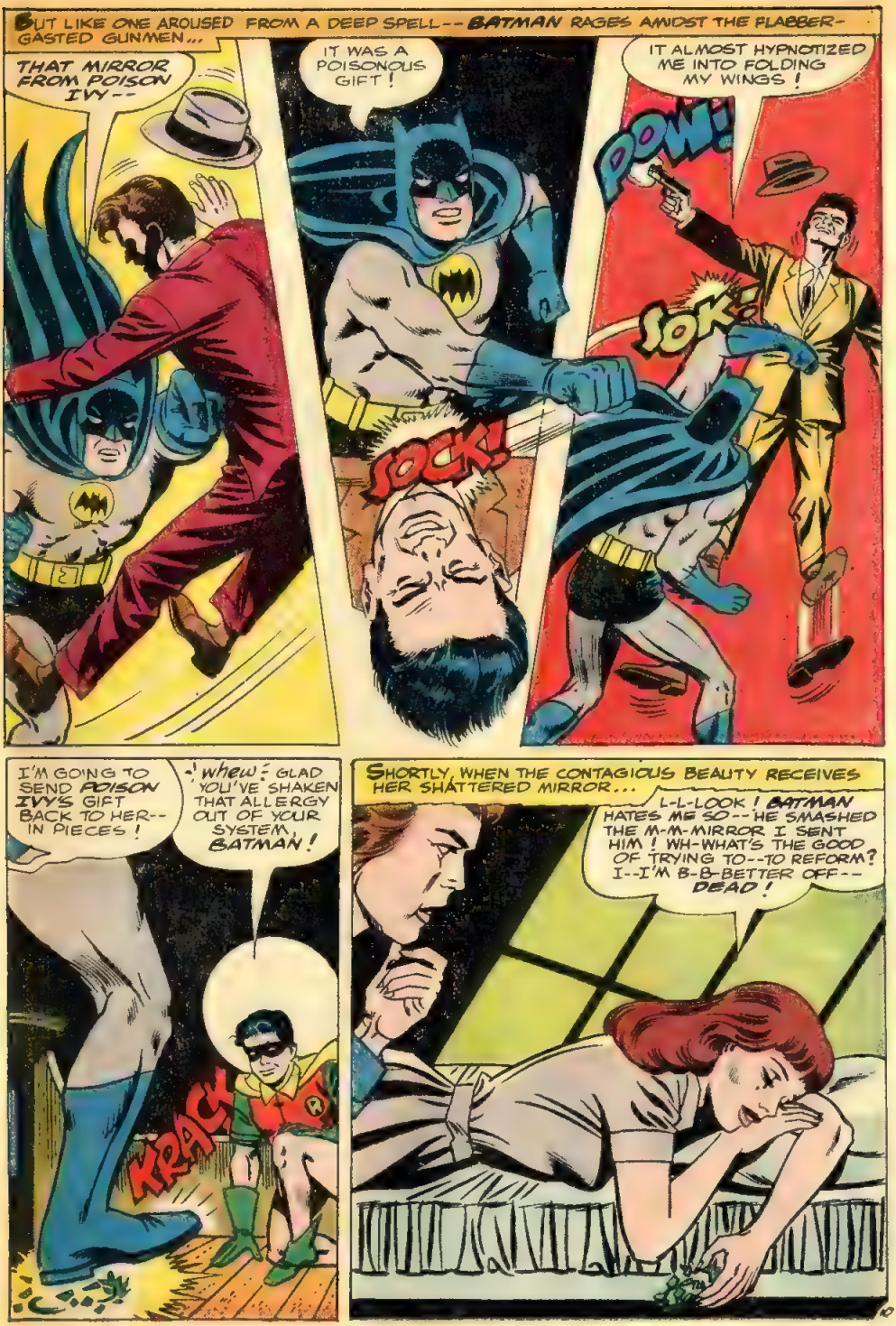
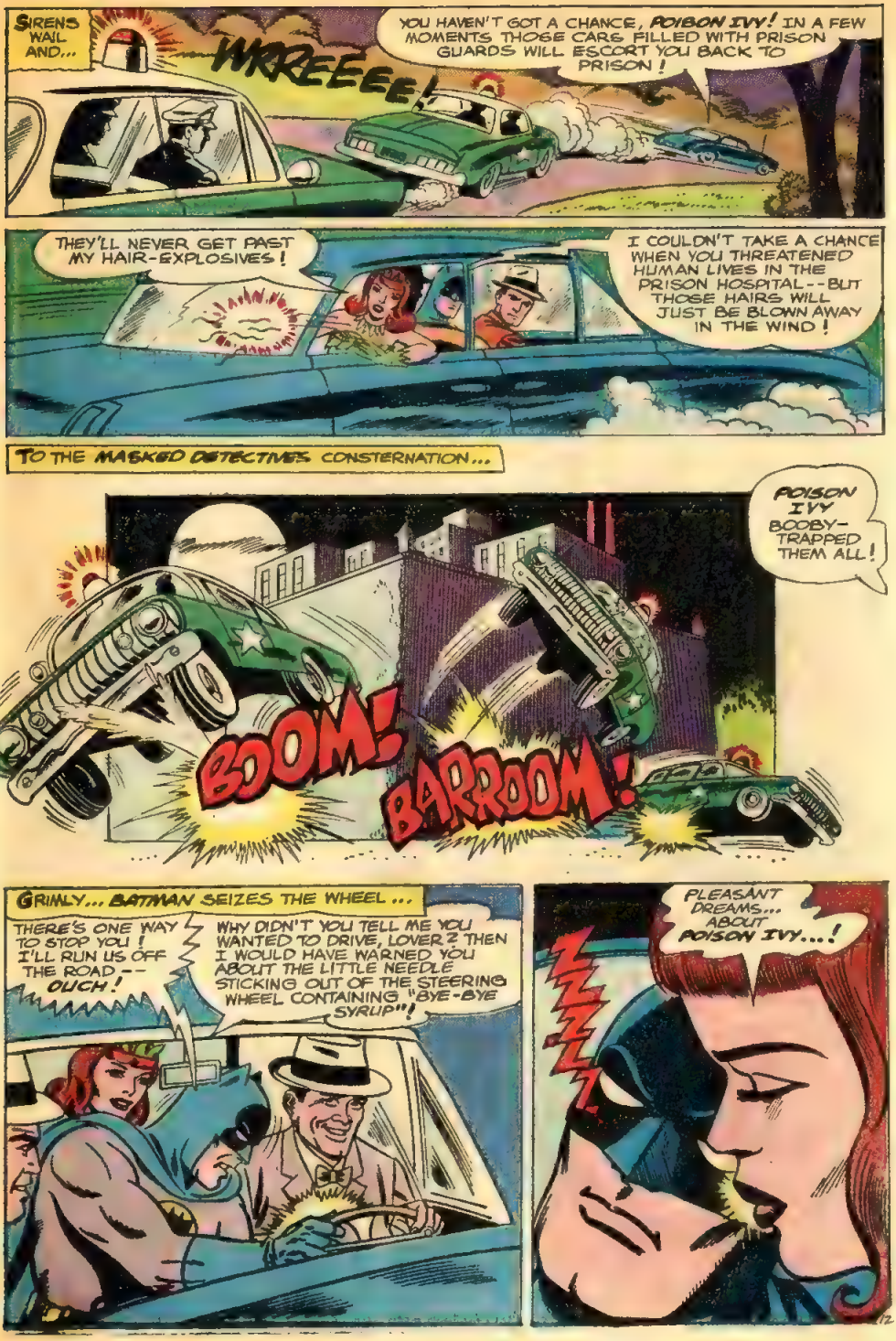
WHAT A GAL! I SEND HER TO PRISON! AND SHE SENDS ME A GIFT, ASKING FOR MY FORGIVENESS! ROBIN-- POISON IVY'S CHANGING!
INTO WHAT-- POISONOUS MUSHROOMS?
BUT, DAY AFTER DAY, THE MORE THE MASKED MAN-HUNTER STARES INTO THE DAZZLING MIRROR, HE IS HAUNTED BY THE POISONOUS CHARMS OF...
WE WERE MEANT TO BE MR. AND MRS. KINGPIN OF CRIME, BATMAN! SO WHY WASTE TIME FIGHTING IT? YOU KNOW YOU'RE GOING TO GET ME OUT OF PRISON SOONER OR LATER! WHY NOT MAKE IT SOONER? SOONER... SOONER... SOONER...
SOONER... SOONER... SOONER...
KNOCK IT OFF, BIG DADDY! STOP STARING INTO THAT MIRROR! YOU'RE NOT GOING TO WIN A BEAUTY PRIZE!


IN HIS CONCERN, THE BOY WONDER INSISTS THE BEDAZZLED BATMAN GO OUT FOR SOME FRESH AIR...
TAKE DEEP BREATHS, BATMAN! THAT'LL GET POISON IVY OUT OF YOUR SYSTEM!
HELLO, LOVER!...STOP STALLING!..GET ME OUT OF PRISON, SO WE CAN ENJOY THE LOOT WE'RE GOING TO STOCKPILE! GET ME OUT...
OUT...OUT...
GET YOU OUT...OUT... OUT...
SUDDENLY...
OVER TH' SIDE, KNUCKLEHEADS! WE'RE HIJACKIN' THIS FERRY!
YEAH! IT'LL BE A PERFECT HIDE-OUT FOR OUR DIAMOND LOOT! UNTIL WE'RE PICKED UP BY OUR JEWELRY RUNNER!
BATMAN--HOW ABOUT US RUNNING UP AND DOWN THESE HOODS' SPINES!
BUT--AS THE TEEN-AGE THUNDERBOLT HURTLES INTO THE GUNMEN...
WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH BATMAN? HE'S BEEN KNOCKED OVER LIKE HE WAS CAUGHT IN THE RUSH OF LADIES' DAY IN A BARGAIN BASEMENT!
BATMAN'S A BUST!--AND WE'LL SOON STOP ROBIN'S CHIRPIN' TOO!
SOK!
POW!


SPRAWLED ON DECK, THE DAZZLING MIRROR HAVING FALLEN OUT OF HIS POCKET, THE ONCE-DYNAMIC DETECTIVE "HEARS"...
C'MON, BATMAN BABY!
I'M WAITING FOR YOU TO TAKE ME OUT OF PRISON LIKE I PROMISED YOU WOULD!
YOU CAN'T RESIST ME--ONCE YOU'VE HAD A TOUCH OF POISON IVY!
DIMLY, BATMAN BECOMES AWARE OF...
ROBIN... FIGHTING ON... ALONE... FIGHTING... FOR... THE BOTH OF US--!
POW!
AS IF HE WERE SHRUGGING OFF THE SUFFOCATING EMBRACE OF POISON IVY--THE HAUNTED MANHUNTER BURSTS AT THE STARTLED GANG...
LOOK! BATMAN'S FLAPPIN' HIS WINGS AGAIN!
WE'LL CLIP 'EM SO SHORT THIS TIME--HE'LL BE DRAGGIN' HIS NOSE ALONG THE GROUND EVERY TIME HE TRIES TO WALK!


BUT LIKE ONE AROUSED FROM A DEEP SPELL--BATMAN RAGES AMIDST THE FLABBERGASTED GUNMEN...
THAT MIRROR FROM POISON IVY--
IT WAS A POISONOUS GIFT!
IT ALMOST HYPNOTIZED ME INTO FOLDING MY WINGS!
POW!
SOK!
SOCK!
I'M GOING TO SEND POISON IVY'S GIFT BACK TO HER--IN PIECES!
-! whew! GLAD YOU'VE SHAKEN THAT ALLERGY OUT OF YOUR SYSTEM, BATMAN!
KRACK
SHORTLY, WHEN THE CONTAGIOUS BEAUTY RECEIVES HER SHATTERED MIRROR...
L-L-LOOK! BATMAN HATES ME SO--HE SMASHED THE M-M-MIRROR I SENT HIM! WH-WHAT'S THE GOOD OF TRYING TO--TO REFORM? I--I'M B-B-BETTER OFF--DEAD!

A FEW DAYS LATER, BATMAN IS HURRIEDLY SUMMONED TO THE PRISON HOSPITAL, WHERE...
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!
BUT--IT'S TRUE, BATMAN! SEE FOR YOURSELF! POISON IVY IS DEATHLY ILL--FROM HER DELIRIOUS TALK--DYING OF A BROKEN HEART OVER YOU! SHE PLEADED ONLY TO SEE YOU ONCE MORE--TO BEG YOUR FORGIVENESS!
AT THE SIGHT OF THE DEATHLY-PALE PRISONER, BATMAN'S HEART MELTS...
ONE LAST KISS... BEFORE... I...GO...
NO...NO, POISON IVY... YOU MUSTN'T... TALK LIKE THAT--YOU MUST GET WELL...REFORM..
SUDDENLY...CONTAGIOUS LAUGHTER RINGS OUT...
HA! HA! MY HAIR'S MY UTILITY BELT, LOVER! CONTAINING MEDICINE TO MAKE ME SIMULATE SICKNESS--OR EXPLOSIVES TO BLOW UP EVERY-ONE IN HERE--UNLESS YOU CARRY ME OUT OF HERE! WANT TO TEST ME?
NO--NO, POISON IVY! I'VE ENOUGH EXPERIENCE TO KNOW YOU'RE NOT BLUFFING!
AND SO... I CAN'T TAKE THE CHANCE OF RISK-ING ANYONE'S LIFE! I'LL PRETEND I'M HELPING POISON IVY TO ESCAPE FROM PRISON! I CAN EASILY RECAPTURE HER AGAIN OUT-SIDE!
OUTSIDE THE PRISON WALLS...
EVERYTHIN' TURNED OUT JUST LIKE YOU PLANNED, POISON IVY!
STAY PUT WITH THE REST OF THE BOYS, SUGAR! I'M GOING TO CHANGE IN THE CAR AND SHED THESE PRISON RAGS!
WHEN THE GETAWAY CAR SPEEDS AWAY...
NOW I LOOK LIKE MYSELF AGAIN! CONFESS, HANDSOME! YOU KNOW YOU'RE BATS OVER ME!
SMAK!


SIRENS WAIL AND...
WRREEEEE!
YOU HAVEN'T GOT A CHANCE, POISON IVY! IN A FEW MOMENTS THOSE CARS FILLED WITH PRISON GUARDS WILL ESCORT YOU BACK TO PRISON!
THEY'LL NEVER GET PAST MY HAIR-EXPLOSIVES!
I COULDN'T TAKE A CHANCE WHEN YOU THREATENED HUMAN LIVES IN THE PRISON HOSPITAL--BUT THOSE HAIRS WILL JUST BE BLOWN AWAY IN THE WIND!
TO THE MASKED DETECTIVES CONSTERNATION...
POISON IVY BOOBY-TRAPPED THEM ALL!
BOOM!
BARROOM!
GRIMLY... BATMAN SEIZES THE WHEEL...
THERE'S ONE WAY TO STOP YOU! I'LL RUN US OFF THE ROAD--OUCH!
WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME YOU WANTED TO DRIVE, LOVER? THEN I WOULD HAVE WARNED YOU ABOUT THE LITTLE NEEDLE STICKING OUT OF THE STEERING WHEEL CONTAINING "BYE-BYE SYRUP"!
PLEASANT DREAMS... ABOUT POISON IVY...!
ZZZZZ

WHEN BATMAN COMES TO, HE FINDS HIMSELF IN POISON IVY'S HIDE-OUT...
HAVE PLEASANT DREAMS ABOUT ME, PET?
PET IS RIGHT! THAT'S WHAT SHE'S MADE OF ME -- A PET ON A LEASH! I'VE GOT TO OUTWIT HER SOMEHOW!
OHH, COME ON, PET! EAT SOME-THING!
NO! I'D RATHER DIE -- THAN REMAIN ALIVE IN YOUR COMPANY! I'M GOING TO GO ON A STARVATION DIET!
DAY AFTER DAY PASSES...THE MASKED MARVEL GROWS WEAKER AND WEAKER ... UNTIL...
BATMAN ISN'T FAKING! HE WOULD HAVE MOVED WHEN I TESTED HIM BY HAVING MY PET PANTHER PAW HIM OVER!
C'MON, MEN! BRING THE I.V. TUBE AND FREE HIM! WE'VE GOT TO FORCE-FEED MY STUBBORN LOVER BOY!
SNIFF! SNIFF!
BUT, AT THE SIGHT OF THE RUBBER TUBE, A WILD SNARLING...
MY TRICK OF USING POISON IVY'S TRICK OF PLAYING A "DEATH-BED" SCENE BOOMERANGED! THAT ANIMAL THINKS HE'S GOING TO BE BEATEN BY THAT RUBBER TUBE -- AND IS RUNNING WILD! IT'S THE BREAK I'VE BEEN HOPING FOR!
OOOWWRR!
LIKE A MATADOR FACING A MADDENED BULL, THE MASKED MARVEL PARRIES THE SNARLING DEATH...
GIVE ME THE RUBBER TUBE--QUICK!--IT'S EXCITING THE ANIMAL!
BATMAN -- YOU'RE RISKING YOUR LIFE FOR ME!
WAAAPP!
OOHRRR!
I TOLD YOU ONCE YOU'VE CAUGHT POISON IVY IT'LL NEVER LET YOU GO! STOP WASTING PRECIOUS TIME, BATMAN! WE'LL BE KING AND QUEEN OF CRIME FROM NOW ON! MR. AND MRS. NO. 1!

SUDDENLY... LIKE A ROBIN WITH THE FURY OF AN EAGLE, THE BOY WONDER PLUMMETS INTO THE DAZED GUNMEN...
AFTER I TRAILED YOU, BATMAN, I WAITED LONG ENOUGH FOR YOU TO PROVE YOU'D GOTTEN POISON IVY OUT OF YOUR SYSTEM--BY RECAPTURING HER AND HER GANG AS YOU PROMISED! LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE STILL IN A FEVER OVER HER!
AND HOW, SMARTIE PANTS! AND TO PROVE HOW DELIRIOUS BATMAN IS ABOUT ME--HE'S GOING TO CLIP YOUR WINGS! WON'T YOU--?
SOCK
POW!
BOFF!
YOU--YOU TIED MY WRISTS WITH THE RUBBER TUBE WHILE YOU WERE KISSING ME--? YOU--TRAITOR!
LATER, IN THE BATCAVE..
I KNOW YOU'RE WATCHING ME ON TV, BATMAN! YOU GOT ME IN HERE ONCE BEFORE--AND YOU'LL GET ME OUT AGAIN! I'M NOT WORRIED! YOU'VE GOT A LIFETIME CASE OF POISON IVY!
HAS SHE GOT THE WRONG NUMBER!
MAYBE! BUT IF SHE "DIALS" FOR YOU, BIG DADDY--DON'T BE SURPRISED IF I "ANSWER"!
IS THIS THE END OF THE CONTAGIOUS VILLAINESS? IS BATMAN INFECTED FOR LIFE WITH THE CLINGING BEAUTY OF POISON IVY.?
ONLY TIME AND FUTURE BATMAN ISSUES WILL TELL!
THE END

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LETTERS TO THE BATCAVE

Dear Editor: The results of the 2nd *Annual Batmania Ballot* (for the best *Batman* story and cover of 1965) have been tabulated. As appearing in *Batmania* number 10, here are the winners:

Favorite story — "Remarkable Ruse of the Riddler" (*Batman* 171). Runners-up were "Secret War of the Phantom General" (*Detective* 343) and "The Joker's Comedy Capers" (*Detective* 341.)

Favorite cover — "The Decline and Fall of Batman" (*Batman* 175). Runners-up, "Batman's Bewitched Nightmare" (*Detective* 336) and "The Blockbuster Invasion of Gotham City (*Detective* 345).

Biljo White, P.O. Box 115, Columbia, Mo., 65201.

(The annual best selections from *Batmania* —"The fanzine especially for *Batman* fans" — are always of interest to us. But now on to 1966 and a letter from one of the leading *Batmaniacs* . . . —Editor)

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Dear Editor: What timing! What accuracy! Just one week after *Batman* made his debut on TV facing the *Prince of Puzzles*, the *Riddler*, along came *Batman* 179, with no less a personage than . . . the *Riddler!* Whether this was planned or not, it sure was a double treat. There were two top stories to go along with this treat. The cover promised something great. Gil Kane and Murphy Anderson teamed up to produce a great piece of art. The first thing that caught my eye was that Sid Greene had inked the lead-off story, "Clay Pigeon for a Killer." I immediately checked the second tale to see if the same was true of it also. Was disappointed to find that he didn't, but when I read the story later, I discovered that Joe Giella still did a very good job of using his brushes.

I was sort of worried that you couldn't keep up the extra high standards that were reset in *Batman* 178 and *Detective* 348 *BM* stories, but my fears were allayed by both yarns. They kept up the snappy, active, alive style and added some unique touches, such as the villain being an actual *nut* (though you might argue that a person must be nuts to attempt to pull a "perfect crime") in "Clay Pigeon for a Killer." Individually:

The *Riddler's* return was by far the better of the two stories. The riddles were as good as always, and I'm beginning to recognize the budding of a distinctive personality for the King of Crôsswords (how's that for a nickname?), something that the great *Batman* villains such as the *Joker, Penguin, Catwoman*, and the original *Two-Face* always had. My guess of the author of this tale is Bill Finger.

The first story featured a lot of that good, old *Batman*-type, sock-em, pun(ch)-em action. The plot wasn't the important thing in this one, but this doesn't mean anything when the action is accented, as this one definitely is. Writer: John Broome? —Mike Friedrich, Castro Valley, Cal.

(Your bat(man) struck out on the writers. "Clay Pigeon" was Robert Kanigher's doing; the *Riddler* yarn should have been credited to Gardner Fox. —Editor)

Dear Editor: Well! I must admit "Clay Pigeon for a Killer" was SOME story! The idea of a madman who really IS a madman is rather unusual, to say the least. In conjunction with an attempt to commit the "perfect crime" it was *perfectly* unnerving. After all, the whole story may have never happened, except in the mind of Iago.

Naming the "villain" Iago was a clever touch. In Shakespeare's *Othello*, Iago DOES commit the perfect crime — he murders Desdemona by poisoning her husband's mind against her, but Iago can never be arrested for her death.

The strangest thing about "our" Iago is his obvious forlornness. The richest man in the world — yet he cannot find enough happiness in life to save himself from insanity. It seems so heartless of *Batman* and Roger Kay to leave him in his cell, ranting, and walk away smiling at the end of the story.

As for the artwork, it was excellent. I think Bob Kane does very well when he doesn't do his own inking.

No comment on the second story, except POOR RIDDLER! —Irene Vartanoff, Bethesda, Md.

(No comment on this letter, except GOOD NIGHT, IRENE! —Editor)

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Dear Editor: It is with sincere pleasure that I inform you of the circumstances resulting from the television program shown on ABC-TV that was inspired by your famed caped crusader. The Roy High School Chapter of the LOYAL ORDER OF THE BATMAN has been organized and has created a "snowball" effect upon the faculty and student body. Since its conception a mere five days ago, its membership has soared from its nine original charter members to over 150 and is still growing at a fantastic rate. It is now the largest organization in the school. Some of its more prominent members include the student body officers, the entire English department teachers, the principal, both assistant principals, the newspaper and yearbook editors, and over half the football and basketball teams. Its amazing growth has spread to the Junior High School and to Weber State College.

You, as well as DC Publications and the ABC television network are to be commended for your development of this wonderful new pop art form. —Kent Hensen, Loyal Order of the Batman, Roy High School Chapter, 2587 W. 5750 So., Roy, Utah.

(A representative letter of the many received from enthusiastic *Batclubs* that have sprung up all over the country. —Editor)

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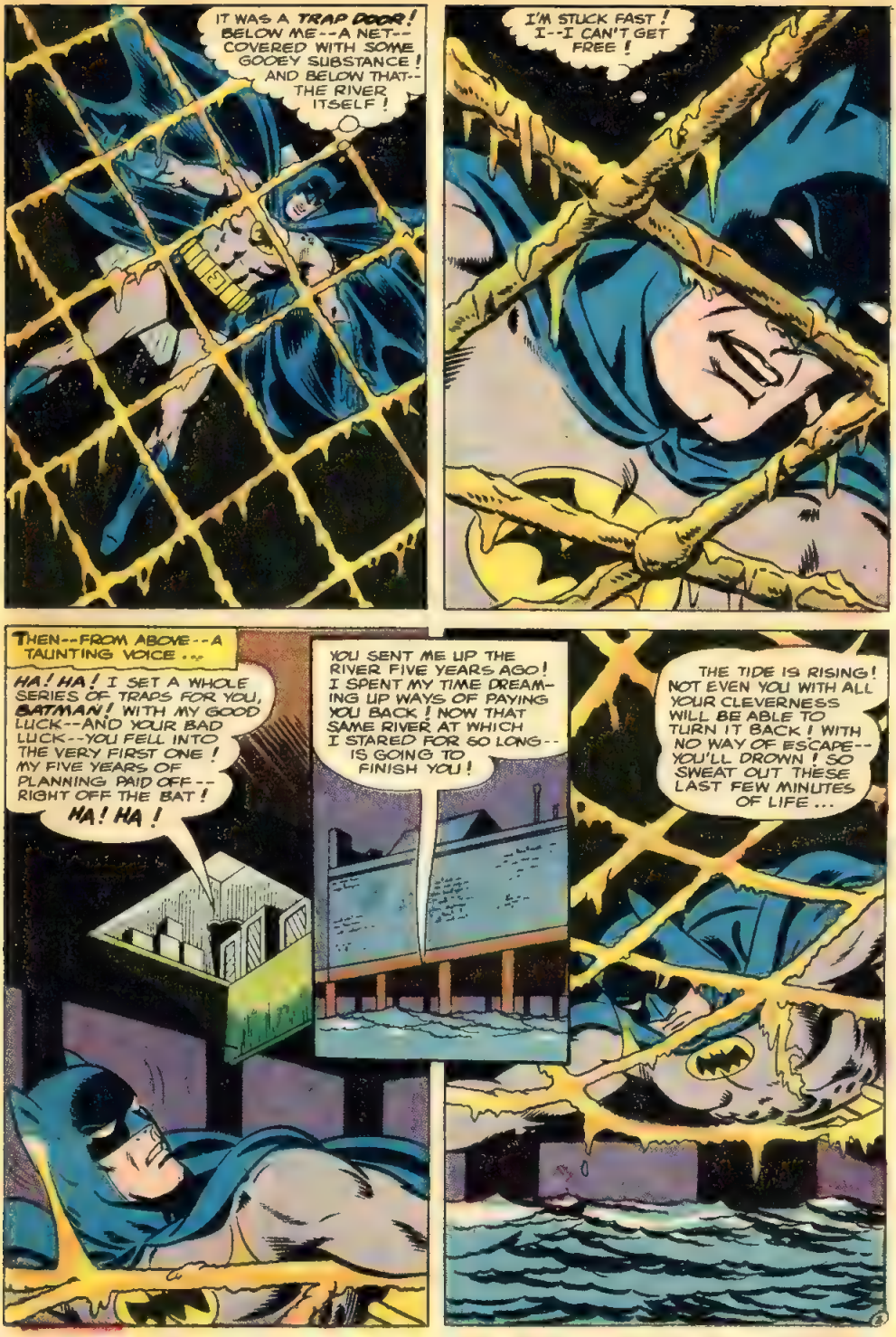
BATMAN
With ROBIN THE BOY WONDER
SWEAT OUT THESE LAST FEW MOMENTS OF LIFE THAT REMAIN TO YOU, BATMAN -- KNOWING THAT I'M GOING TO GET RID OF ROBIN -- IN A FATE WORSE EVEN THAN YOUR OWN !
LIKE ALL CRIMINALS -- THIS ONE HAS MADE A MISTAKE ! IT'S UP TO ROBIN TO SPOT IT -- AND SAVE HIMSELF !
THE HATES OF MEN ARE STRANGE AND VARIED !
BATMAN AND ROBIN ARE NO STRANGERS TO THE WARPED, TWISTED ENMITY OF MEN THEY HAVE SENT AWAY TO PRISON !
THIS THEY ACCEPT AS CALCULATED RISKS OF THEIR CHOSEN ROLES AS CRIME-FIGHTERS !
BUT NOW AND THEN A CRIMINAL DEVELOPS A MASTER PLAN SO CLEVER, SO DEADLY IN DESIGN, THAT THE VERY LIVES OF THE DYNAMIC DUO HANG BY A FRAYED THREAD !
BATMAN'S BAFFLING TURNABOUT!
BOB KANE

AS MOONLIGHT FILTERS THROUGH THE WINDOWS OF A GOTHAM CITY IMPORT AND EXPORT WAREHOUSE, THE SUDDEN DRUMBEAT OF FEET STIRS FRIGHTENED ECHOES IN CRIMINAL HEARTS...
BEAT IT! HERE COME BATMAN AND ROBIN--
WHY DO I ALWAYS GET SECOND BILLING?
YOU TAKE THE LONER, ROBIN! I'LL HANDLE THE PAIR!
WHY, LONE STRANGER-- FANCY MEETING YOU HERE!
KRAAASH!
WHATTA YA HEAR FROM SILVER THESE DAYS?
ZONK!
THROUGH A DOORWAY INTO AN ADJOINING ROOM HURTLES THE MASKED MANHUNTER...
YOU'RE WASTING SHOE LEATHER, BOYS! A COUPLE MORE STEPS AND I'LL HAVE YOU!
BUT THE VERY NEXT STEP LEADS TO...
THE FLOOR-- GIVING WAY BENEATH ME!


IT WAS A TRAP DOOR! BELOW ME--A NET--COVERED WITH SOME GOOEY SUBSTANCE! AND BELOW THAT--THE RIVER ITSELF!
I'M STUCK FAST! I--I CAN'T GET FREE!
THEN--FROM ABOVE--A TAUNTING VOICE...
HA! HA! I SET A WHOLE SERIES OF TRAPS FOR YOU, BATMAN! WITH MY GOOD LUCK--AND YOUR BAD LUCK--YOU FELL INTO THE VERY FIRST ONE! MY FIVE YEARS OF PLANNING PAID OFF--RIGHT OFF THE BAT! HA! HA!
YOU SENT ME UP THE RIVER FIVE YEARS AGO! I SPENT MY TIME DREAMING UP WAYS OF PAYING YOU BACK! NOW THAT SAME RIVER AT WHICH I STARED FOR SO LONG--IS GOING TO FINISH YOU!
THE TIDE IS RISING! NOT EVEN YOU WITH ALL YOUR CLEVERNESS WILL BE ABLE TO TURN IT BACK! WITH NO WAY OF ESCAPE--YOU'LL DROWN! SO SWEAT OUT THESE LAST FEW MINUTES OF LIFE...

--KNOWING THAT I'M ALSO GOING TO GET RID OF ROBIN--IN A FATE THAT'S WORSE EVEN THAN YOUR OWN! THINK ABOUT THAT--AS THE WATER RISES!
CLICK!
HELD FAST IN THAT GLUEY WEBBING, SCARCELY ABLE TO DO MORE THAN WRIGGLE, THE COWLED CRUSADER REFLECTS...
HE THINKS HE'S GOT EVERYTHING FIGURED OUT--BUT LIKE ALL CRIMINALS HE'S MADE ONE MISTAKE! ROBIN WILL SPOT THAT SLIP-UP AND SAVE HIMSELF! MEANTIME I'D BETTER DO SOME ESCAPE-THINKING FOR THE SPOT I'M IN...
IN THE WAREHOUSE PROPER, MOMENTS LATER...
WE KEPT OUR EARS TUNED IN ON THE UNDERWORLD GRAPEVINE! THAT'S HOW WE KNEW WHERE THIS ROBBERY WAS TAKING PLACE--
BATMAN! WHY THE FOOT-DRAG?
OH--I TWISTED MY ANKLE--BAD ENOUGH--SO YOU'LL HAVE TO DRIVE BACK TO THE BATCAVE!
SURE THING--SOON AS I PHONE THE POLICE ON THE BATMOBILE HOT-LINE TO COME COLLECT THESE CROOKS!
THIS ISN'T THE REAL BATMAN--EVEN THOUGH HE TALKS LIKE HIM! IF HE THINKS I'M DRIVING HIM TO THE BATCAVE--HE'S FLIPPED HIS CAPE! INSTEAD--I'LL DRIVE HIM TO OUR AUXILIARY BATCAVE ON THE OTHER SIDE OF GOTHAM CITY!
AS THE BAT-MOBILE ROARS THROUGH THE NIGHT...
WHO IS THIS GUY? WHAT'S HIS GAME? I'LL PLAY ALONG--AND AWAIT DEVELOPMENTS! HE SURE LOOKS LIKE BATMAN, ALL RIGHT! SOMEBODY DID AN EXPERT PLASTIC SURGERY JOB ON HIS FACE!

WHAT BOTHERS ME IS--WHERE'S THE REAL BATMAN? IN TROUBLE, I BET--OR THIS ONE WOULDN'T RISK MY PARTNER SHOWING UP TO RUIN HIS SCHEME! I'LL SIMPLY HAVE TO AD LIB MY WAY THROUGH WHAT'S AHEAD!
AFTER THE BATMOBILE BRAKES TO A STOP IN THE "EMERGENCY" BATCAVE...
SIT DOWN, BATMAN--- RELAX YOURSELF WHILE I TURN ON THAT TV DOCUMENTARY ABOUT YOU AND SOME OF YOUR GREATEST ADVENTURES!
WE MIGHT AS WELL GET COMFORTABLE--AND TAKE OFF OUR MASKS!
I DON'T BELIEVE THE PHONY WILL FALL FOR THIS DODGE--BUT I WANT TO MAKE HIM SQUIRM! BEFORE HE MAKES A MOVE TO TAKE OFF HIS MASK I'LL CREATE A DIVERSION SO I WON'T HAVE TO REMOVE MINE!
OH-OH! THERE GOES THE HOT-LINE PHONE! YOU MUST FEEL ITS VIBRATION IN YOUR BELT BUCKLE TOO--BUT I'LL ANSWER IT!
VIBRATIONS SCHMIBRATIONS--THERE'S NO SUCH THING! NOW--TO PULL ANOTHER BLUFF ON HIM!
EMERGENCY ON THE HOT-LINE, BATMAN! LET'S GET GOING!
COUNT ME OUT, KID! I WOULDN'T BE OF ANY HELP TO YOU WITH MY SORE ANKLE! YOU HANDLE IT!
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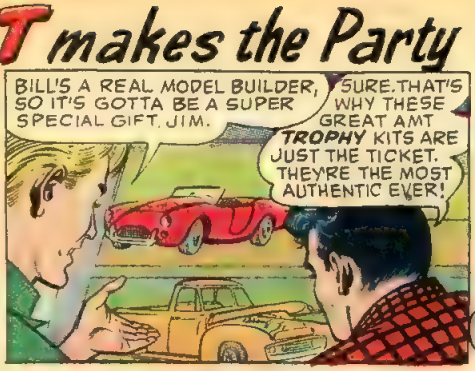
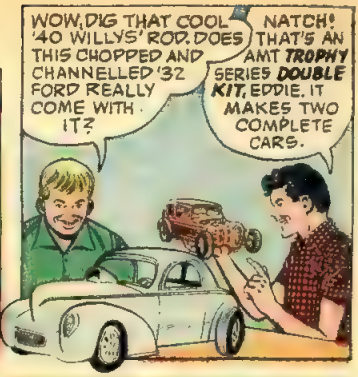
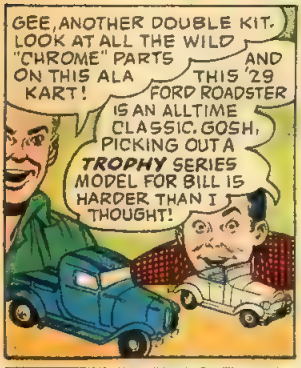
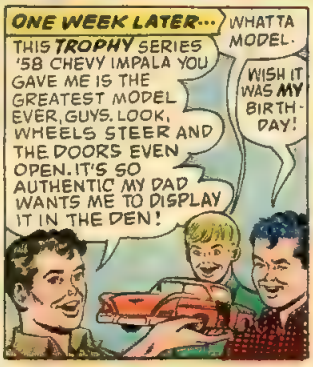

BILL'S A REAL MODEL BUILDER, SO IT'S GOTTA BE A SUPER SPECIAL GIFT, JIM.
SURE. THAT'S WHY THESE GREAT AMT TROPHY KITS ARE JUST THE TICKET. THEY'RE THE MOST AUTHENTIC EVER!


WOW, DIG THAT COOL '40 WILLYS' ROD. DOES THIS CHOPPED AND CHANNELLED '32 FORD REALLY COME WITH IT?
NATCH! THAT'S AN AMT TROPHY SERIES DOUBLE KIT, EDDIE. IT MAKES TWO COMPLETE CARS.


GEE, ANOTHER DOUBLE KIT. LOOK AT ALL THE WILD "CHROME" PARTS ON THIS ALA KART!
AND THIS '29 FORD ROADSTER IS AN ALLTIME CLASSIC. GOSH, PICKING OUT A TROPHY SERIES MODEL FOR BILL IS HARDER THAN I THOUGHT!


ONE WEEK LATER...
WHATTA MODEL.
THIS TROPHY SERIES '58 CHEVY IMPALA YOU GAVE ME IS THE GREATEST MODEL EVER, GUYS. LOOK, WHEELS STEER AND THE DOORS EVEN OPEN. IT'S SO AUTHENTIC MY DAD WANTS ME TO DISPLAY IT IN THE DEN!
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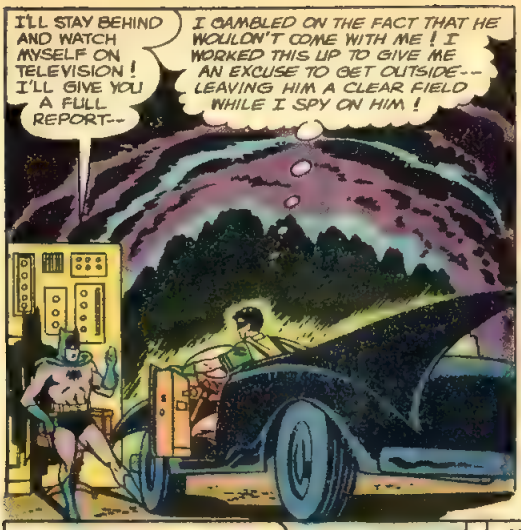
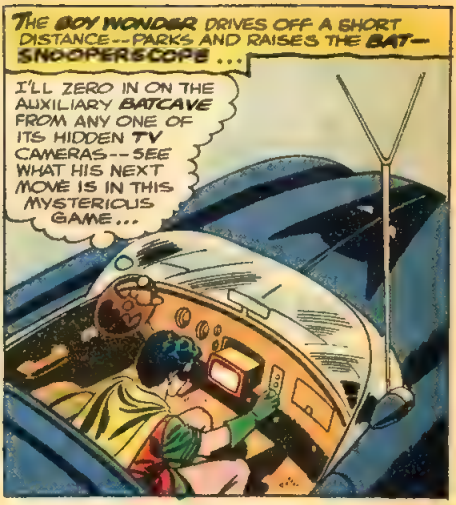
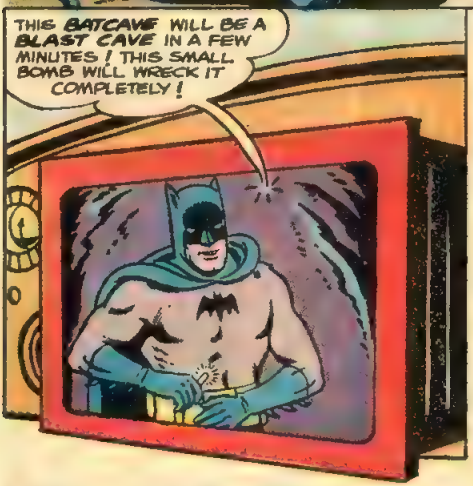
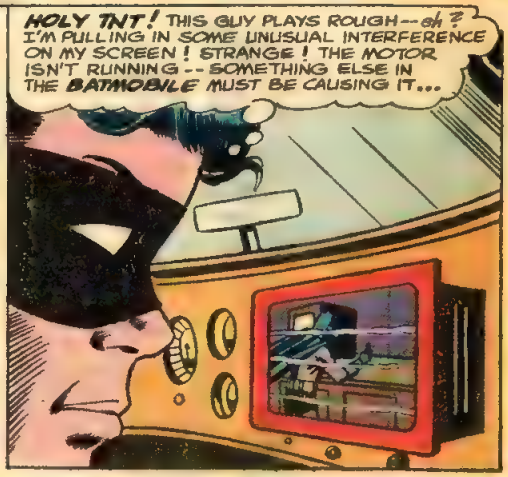
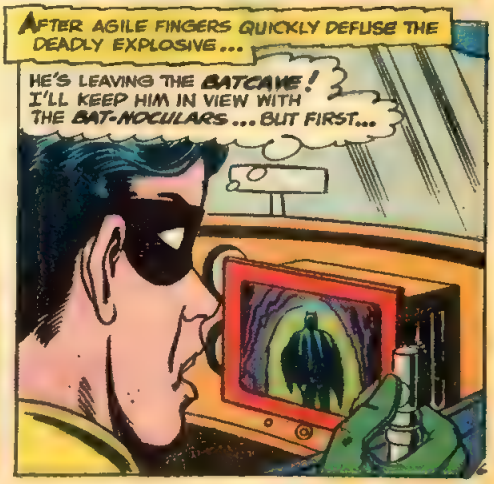

I'LL STAY BEHIND AND WATCH MYSELF ON TELEVISION! I'LL GIVE YOU A FULL REPORT--
I GAMBLED ON THE FACT THAT HE WOULDN'T COME WITH ME! I WORKED THIS UP TO GIVE ME AN EXCUSE TO GET OUTSIDE--LEAVING HIM A CLEAR FIELD WHILE I SPY ON HIM!

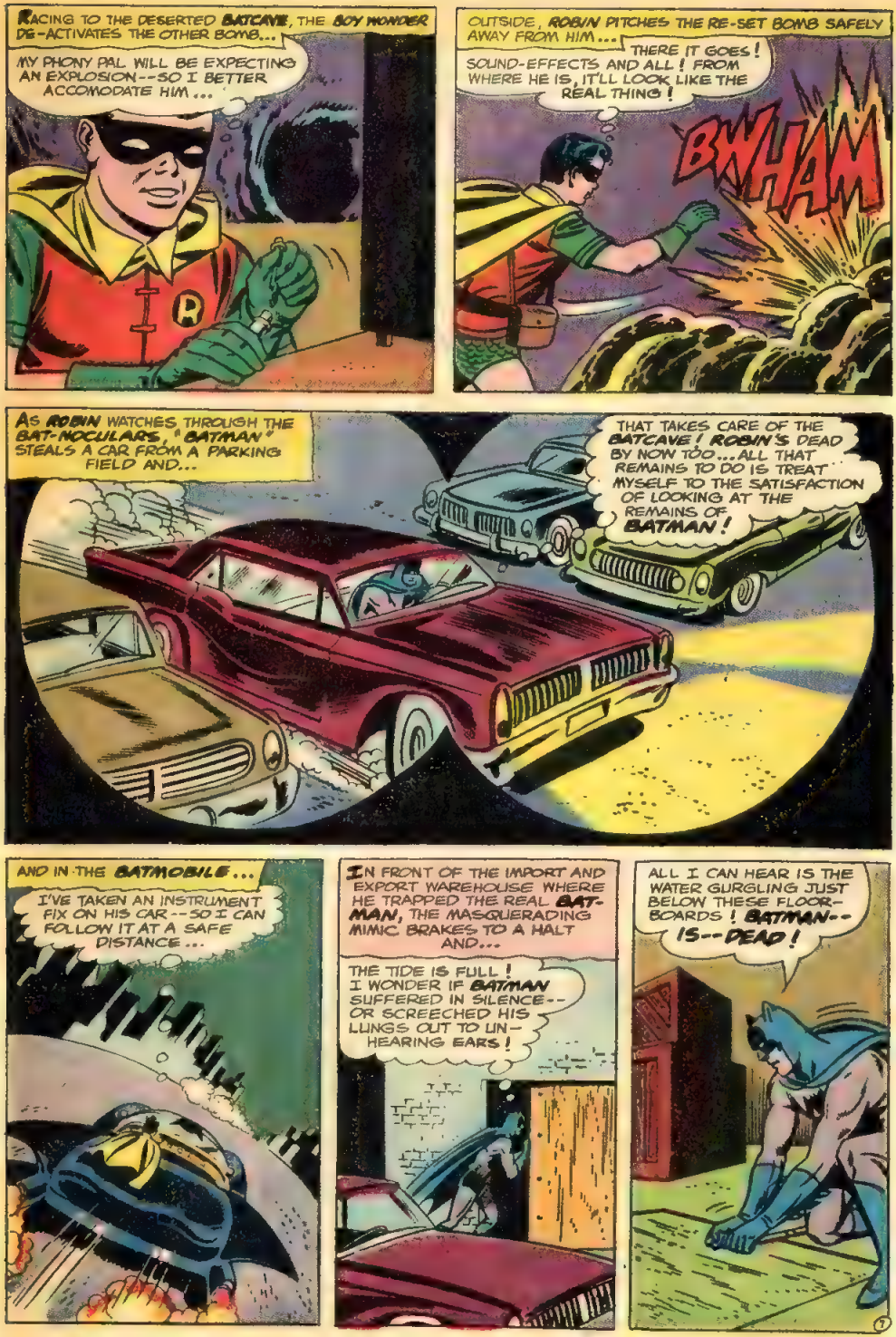

THE BOY WONDER DRIVES OFF A SHORT DISTANCE--PARKS AND RAISES THE BAT-SNOOPERSCOPE...
I'LL ZERO IN ON THE AUXILIARY BATCAVE FROM ANY ONE OF ITS HIDDEN TV CAMERAS--SEE WHAT HIS NEXT MOVE IS IN THIS MYSTERIOUS GAME...


THIS BATCAVE WILL BE A BLAST CAVE IN A FEW MINUTES! THIS SMALL BOMB WILL WRECK IT COMPLETELY!


HOLY TNT! THIS GUY PLAYS ROUGH--eh?
I'M PULLING IN SOME UNUSUAL INTERFERENCE ON MY SCREEN! STRANGE! THE MOTOR ISN'T RUNNING--SOMETHING ELSE IN THE BATMOBILE MUST BE CAUSING IT...

HERE IT IS! A DUPLICATE OF THE BOMB HE'S USING TO BLOW UP THE BATCAVE! SO! I'VE BEEN SET UP FOR A BLAST TOO!


AFTER AGILE FINGERS QUICKLY DEFUSE THE DEADLY EXPLOSIVE...
HE'S LEAVING THE BATCAVE! I'LL KEEP HIM IN VIEW WITH THE BAT-NOCULARS... BUT FIRST...


RACING TO THE DESERTED BATCAVE, THE BOY WONDER DE-ACTIVATES THE OTHER BOMB...
MY PHONY PAL WILL BE EXPECTING AN EXPLOSION--SO I BETTER ACCOMODATE HIM...
OUTSIDE, ROBIN PITCHES THE RE-SET BOMB SAFELY AWAY FROM HIM...
THERE IT GOES! SOUND-EFFECTS AND ALL! FROM WHERE HE IS, IT'LL LOOK LIKE THE REAL THING!
BWHAM
AS ROBIN WATCHES THROUGH THE BAT-NOCULARS, "BATMAN" STEALS A CAR FROM A PARKING FIELD AND...
THAT TAKES CARE OF THE BATCAVE! ROBIN'S DEAD BY NOW TOO...ALL THAT REMAINS TO DO IS TREAT MYSELF TO THE SATISFACTION OF LOOKING AT THE REMAINS OF BATMAN!
AND IN THE BATMOBILE...
I'VE TAKEN AN INSTRUMENT FIX ON HIS CAR--SO I CAN FOLLOW IT AT A SAFE DISTANCE...
IN FRONT OF THE IMPORT AND EXPORT WAREHOUSE WHERE HE TRAPPED THE REAL BATMAN, THE MASQUERADING MIMIC BRAKES TO A HALT AND...
THE TIDE IS FULL! I WONDER IF BATMAN SUFFERED IN SILENCE--OR SCREECHED HIS LUNGS OUT TO UN-HEARING EARS!
ALL I CAN HEAR IS THE WATER GURGLING JUST BELOW THESE FLOOR-BOARDS! BATMAN--IS--DEAD!
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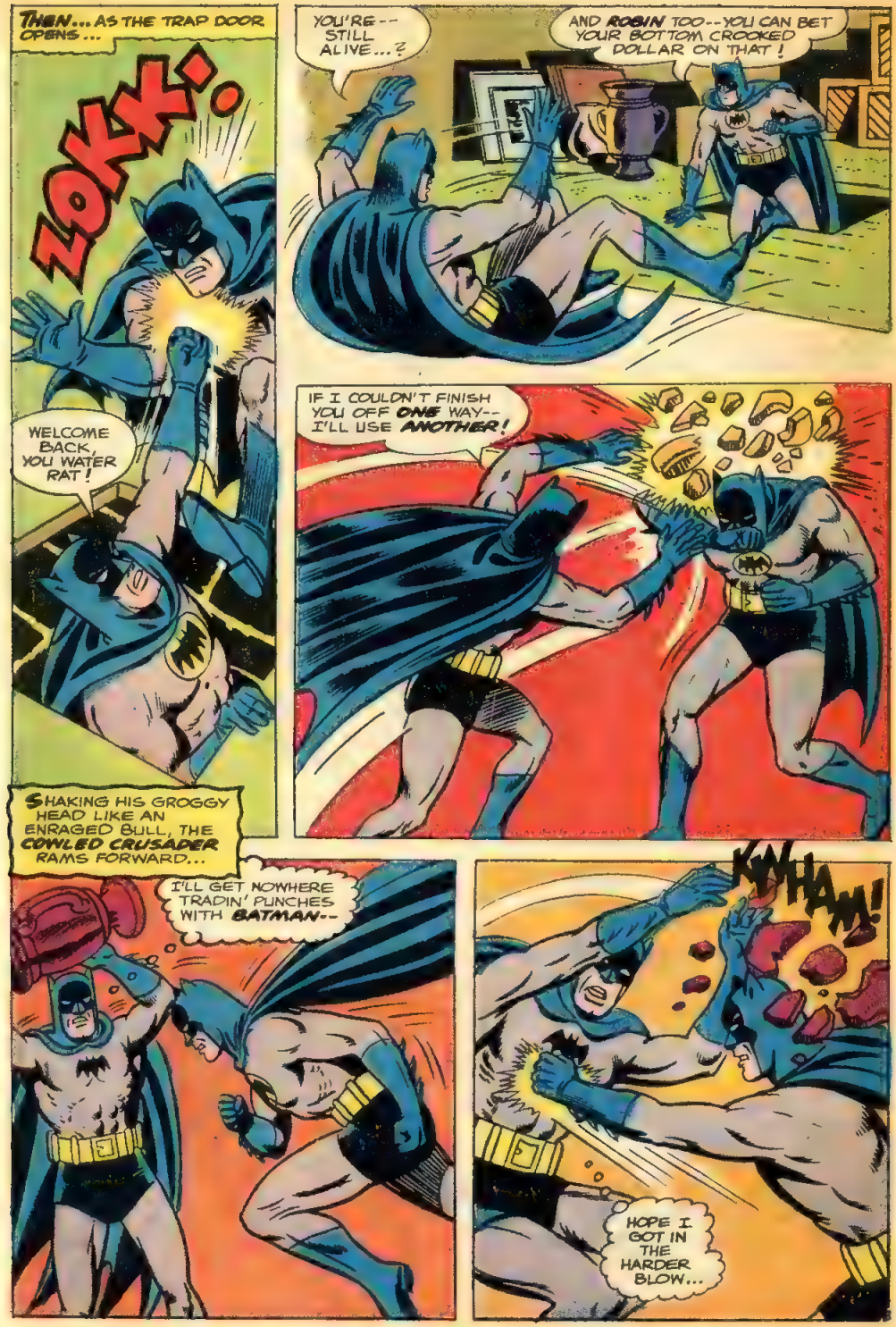
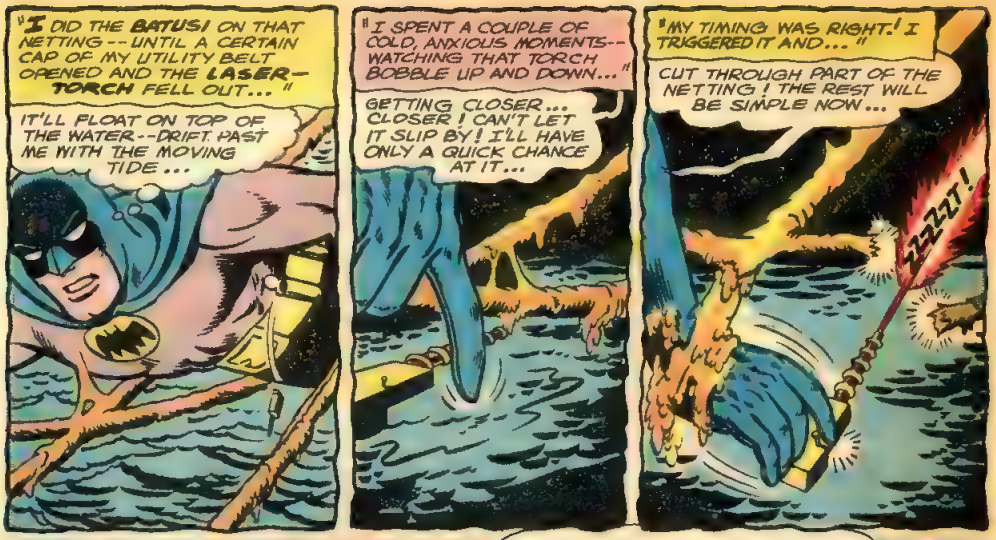
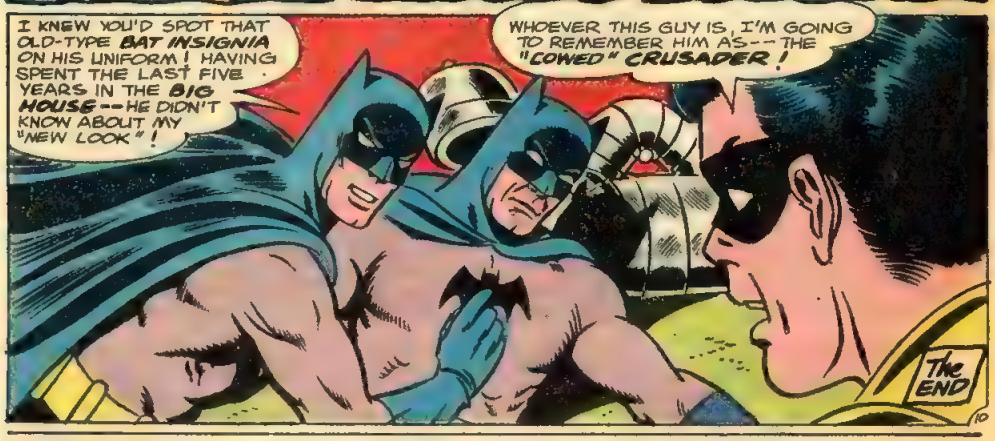

THEN... AS THE TRAP DOOR OPENS...
LOKK!
WELCOME BACK, YOU WATER RAT!
YOU'RE-- STILL ALIVE...?
AND ROBIN TOO--YOU CAN BET YOUR BOTTOM CROOKED DOLLAR ON THAT!
IF I COULDN'T FINISH YOU OFF ONE WAY-- I'LL USE ANOTHER!
SHAKING HIS GROGGY HEAD LIKE AN ENRAGED BULL, THE COWLED CRUSADER RAMS FORWARD...
I'LL GET NOWHERE TRADIN' PUNCHES WITH BATMAN--
KAHAM!
HOPE I GOT IN THE HARDER BLOW...

A RAPID-FIRE EXCHANGE OF PUNCHES AND STATUARY...
POW!
BOP!
FINALLY, BATMAN SEES AN OPENING! HIS HANDS DART OUT--FASTER THAN THE EYES OF HIS COUNTERFEIT COMPANION CAN FOLLOW...
OKAY, LOOK-ALIKE... TIME FOR A SHORT FLIGHT! I HOPE YOU'VE TAKEN OUT FLYING INSURANCE!
KLANG!
CRASH-LANDING! BUT THIS ONE YOU'LL WALK AWAY FROM--BAT-CUFFED--TO JAIL!
IT IS AT THIS MOMENT THAT ROBIN RACES IN...
BATMAN! YES--YOU'RE THE RIGHT ONE! WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU? WHO'S THAT MASKED MASQUERADER?
A CROOK I PUT IN JAIL FIVE YEARS AGO! HE SET A DEATH-TRAP FOR ME--CAUGHT ME LIKE A FISH IN A STICKY NETTING UNDERNEATH A TRAP DOOR...
"THE TIDE WAS RISING. I COULD DO NO MORE THAN WRIGGLE. BUT I PUT MY OWN HELPLESSNESS TO WORK..."
EVERY PART OF THIS NETTING IS STUCK TIGHT TO ME--EVEN TO MY UTILITY BELT! Hmmm! MAYBE THAT CAN HELP ME!


"I DID THE BATUS! ON THAT NETTING -- UNTIL A CERTAIN CAP OF MY UTILITY BELT OPENED AND THE LASER-TORCH FELL OUT..."
IT'LL FLOAT ON TOP OF THE WATER -- DRIFT PAST ME WITH THE MOVING TIDE...
"I SPENT A COUPLE OF COLD, ANXIOUS MOMENTS -- WATCHING THAT TORCH BOBBLE UP AND DOWN..."
GETTING CLOSER... CLOSER! CAN'T LET IT SLIP BY! I'LL HAVE ONLY A QUICK CHANCE AT IT...
"MY TIMING WAS RIGHT! I TRIGGERED IT AND..."
CUT THROUGH PART OF THE NETTING! THE REST WILL BE SIMPLE NOW...
ZZZZT!


I KNEW YOU'D SPOT THAT OLD-TYPE BAT INSIGNIA ON HIS UNIFORM! HAVING SPENT THE LAST FIVE YEARS IN THE BIG HOUSE -- HE DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT MY "NEW LOOK"!
WHOEVER THIS GUY IS, I'M GOING TO REMEMBER HIM AS -- THE "COWED" CRUSADER!
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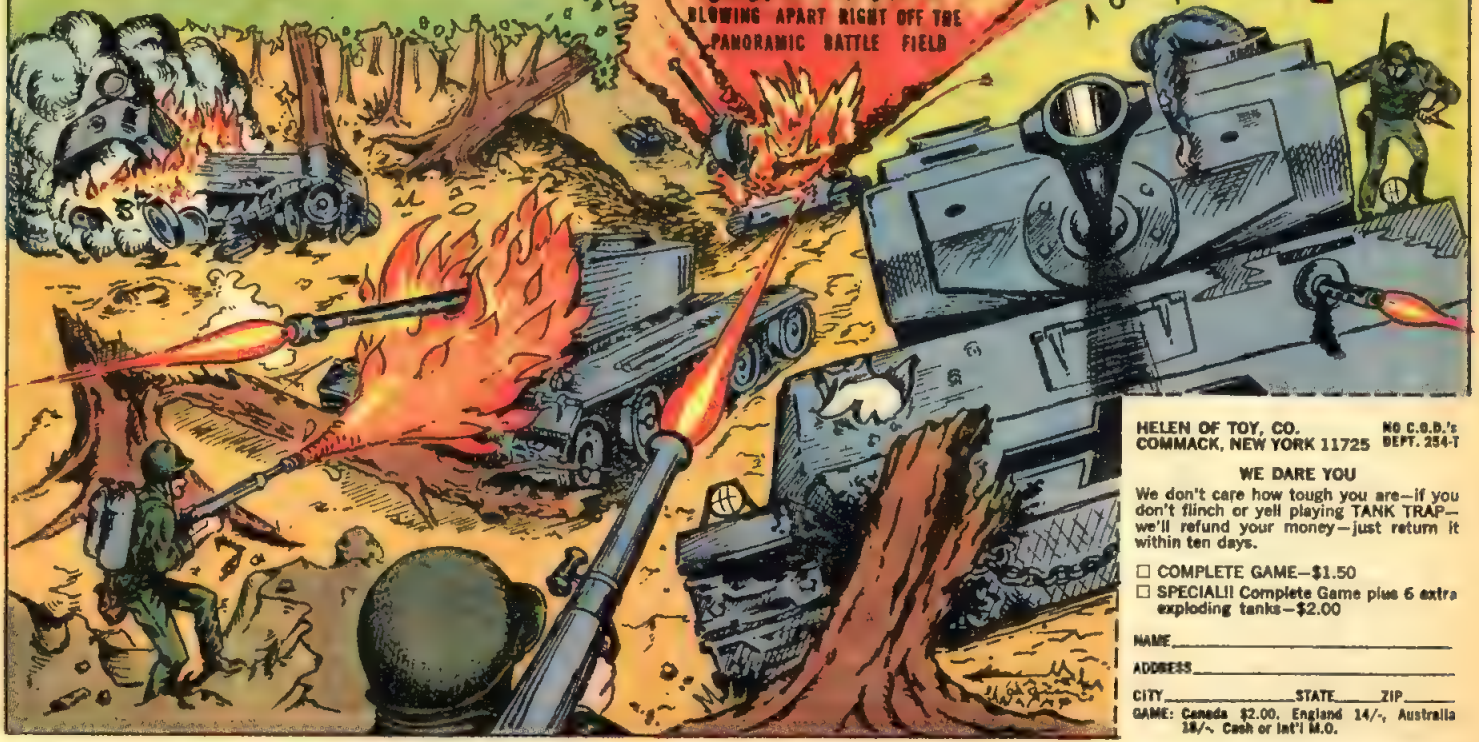

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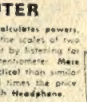

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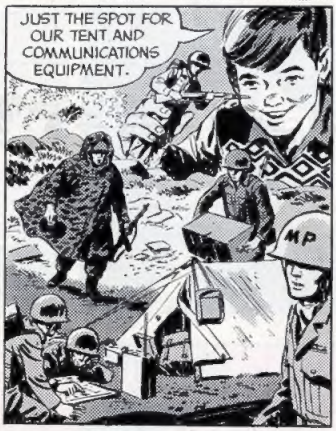
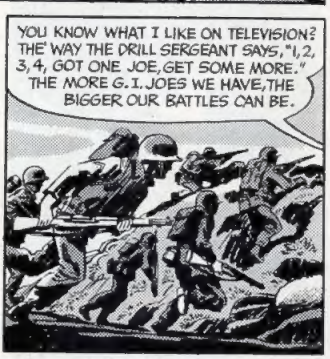
RIGHT, GEORGE. HERE IN OUR BACK YARD, WE CAN BUILD REAL HILLS AND RIVERS AND HAVE A NATURAL BATTLEGROUND WITH TREES AND EVERYTHING!



I'M GOING TO BUILD A BRIDGE OVER ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE HILL—YOU GET THE JEEP LOADED WITH OUR COMBAT SQUAD READY TO MOVE UP FRONT.
RIGHT, GEORGE, AND I'LL ASSEMBLE ALL THE FIRE POWER TOO. WE'LL BE READY WHEN YOU ARE.


YOU KNOW WHAT I LIKE ON TELEVISION? THE WAY THE DRILL SERGEANT SAYS, "1, 2, 3, 4, GOT ONE JOE, GET SOME MORE." THE MORE G.I. JOES WE HAVE, THE BIGGER OUR BATTLES CAN BE.

YES, IT'S ALWAYS FUN TO GET MORE G.I. JOES BECAUSE YOU CAN GET MORE ACTION IN BUILDING BATTLE SCENES. IT'S SURE GREAT TO PLAY WITH G.I. JOE OUTDOORS, ESPECIALLY WHEN ALL OF US IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD GET TOGETHER AND POOL ALL OUR G.I. JOE EQUIPMENT. NOW IS THE TIME TO GO DOWN TO YOUR TOY STORE AND SEE ALL THE NEW G.I. JOE EQUIPMENT INCLUDING THE SCUBA SUITS AND DEEP SEA DIVER AND BE SURE TO JOIN THE G.I. JOE CLUB. (THEY'VE GOT OVER 200,000 MEMBERS ALREADY.) GET YOUR DOG TAG, G.I. JOE CATALOGUE AND ALL THE OTHER MEMBERSHIP GIFTS. SEND IN THE COUPON NOW.

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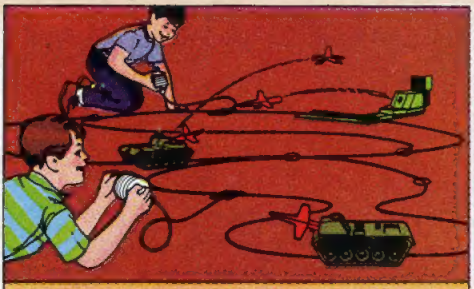
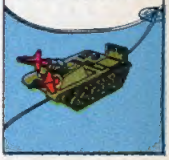
WITH MATTEL'S NEW SWITCH'N GO BATTLE SET

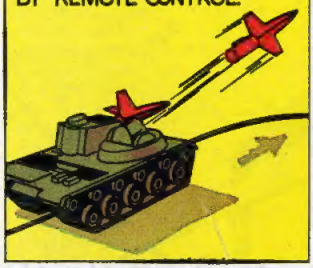


TWO MISSILE-FIRING TANKS MOVE ALONG SPECIAL TRACK, THAT YOU SET UP ANY WAY YOU WANT.

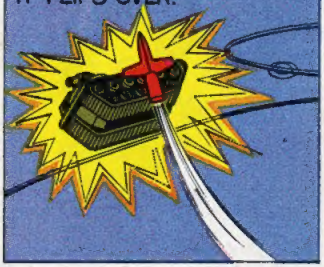
MAKE TANKS GO WHERE YOU WANT. SWITCH THEM FROM ONE TRACK TO ANOTHER BY REMOTE AIR-PUMP CONTROL



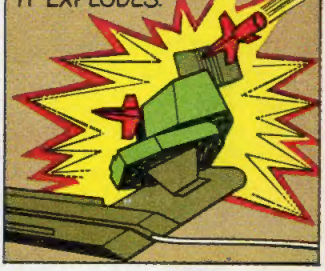
FIRE MISSILES BY REMOTE CONTROL.



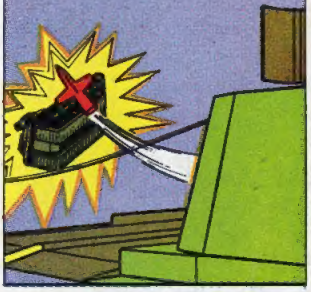
HIT THE ENEMY TANK, IT FLIPS OVER.



HIT THE PILLBOX, IT EXPLODES.



BUT IF YOU MISS, THE PILLBOX FIRES BACK.



GET MATTEL'S SWITCH 'N GO. COMES WITH EVERYTHING YOU NEED FOR TANK BATTLES: 2 BATTERY-POWERED TANKS, 2 AIR PUMP CONTROLS, PILLBOX, 60 FT. OF TRACK, AND MORE. YOU CAN EVEN BUY EXTRA TANKS, SWITCHES, TRACK TO MAKE AN EVEN BIGGER BATTLEFIELD.

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